OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, January 11, 1968

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:04 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Davenport, Dramis, Dunnings, Faiver, Ford, Frankel, Kelley, Lundberg, Thomas—9.

Absent: Cutler, Delapaz, Gannon—3.

Visitors: Mrs. Zajac from League of Women Voters, Captain Donald Jackson of the Lansing Police Department, and Mr. Jose Cornejo from Cristo Rey Community Center.

At this time Chairman Lundberg introduced the new Assistant Human Relations Director, Mr. William Swanson, and Mr. Gary Thomas, the new committee member replacing Mr. John Haruska.

Mr. Ford made a motion that the December 14, 1967 minutes be corrected so as to include the directive from the committee that the Employment Sub-Committee interview applicants for the position of Assistant Human Relations Director and then make a recommendation and present it to the Committee of The Whole for approval. Motion was seconded and approved by the committee. Rabbi Frankel then moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dunnings, and approved by the committee.

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There was one (1) written petition for the period of December, 1967 and January, 1968.

1. A persons complaint on the failure of the police to make a complete investigation after he reported an incident of possible theft. This complaint is being further examined and documented and the information will be reported at the next meeting.

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The Director reported that he had been working with the Recreation Department in examining sites for Drop-In-centers.

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Unfinished Business

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New Business

None.

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Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
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Prayer was offered by Rabbi Frankel.

ROLL CALL

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Absent: Delapaz, Dramis, Gannon—3.

Visitors: Captain Donald Jackson of the Lansing Police Department and Mr. Patrick Smith, a student from Michigan State University.

A motion was made by Rabbi Frankel that the minutes of the January 11, 1968 meeting be approved as printed. A typographical error was noted in the date of the Brotherhood banquet, which is to be corrected to read—February 28, 1968 to February 27, 1968. Motion was then seconded by Mr. Ford and approved by the Committee.

PETITIONS

There were four (4) petitions for the period of January - February, 1968, 3 of which were informal and 1 written.

Written Compaint

1—Woman with 4 children felt that she had been discriminated against after presenting herself to the owner of a house which she wanted to rent.

Informal Complaints

1—Complaint from an individual who said her family had received a notice from the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office charging use of abusive language in the neighborhood.

1—Landlord requested aid in finding a legal means to evict a minority family without violating the Open Housing Ordinance. Tenant had been given several written warnings to quiet unnecessary noise at late hours, etc., which disturbed other tenants.

1—Call from a concerned citizen regarding a malicious attack on a woman in the presence of his wife.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter sent to the Lansing Police Board and a copy to Chief Husby commending them for establishing the position for a Community Relations Officer.

2. An employment report received from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania titled "Jobmobile: Story of An Emergency Employment Campaign." Rev Faiver suggested that a copy of the report be made and sent to the Jobs Available Office. Members of the committee also requested copies of the report.

3. Letter received from Indianapolis, Indiana inquiring as to the salary range of the Director and his assistant.

4. Letter received from Delta Gamma commending the Director for his sincere contributions to the community.

5. Several letters received from members of the Mid-Michigan Personnel Association commending the Director on his talk to them on January 16, 1968. Another letter was received from an individual expressing her personal views of the Directors' talk. Chairman Lundberg read a letter he received from Mr. Duane Bower, President of the Mid-Michigan Personnel Association commending the Directors' approach to community problems and his presentation at their meeting.

6. Letters from Central Electric Motors, Aetna Casualty and Surety Insurance, U. S. Board of Civil Service Examiners, and the Lansing Local Mechanical Contractors requesting aid in locating minority group applicants. It was suggested by Mr. Thomas that letters be sent to the businesses thanking them for their concern. Rev. Faiver suggested that copies of the letters received be sent to the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Youth Opportunity Center and Jobs Available to let them know of the job openings.

7. Many letters from students at Lansing Community College commending the Di-

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rector on the talk he gave to their Public Relations classes on January 19, 1968.

8. Letter received from Mr. Bill Kostick, East Lansing Human Relations, in regards to meeting with a member of the U. S. Community Relations Service and Dr. Levak of Michigan State University.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director reported that he had attended several meetings and had given various talks to both adult and youth groups in the past month.

The employment survey being conducted by the Institute for Community Development department at Michigan State University, under the supervision of the Lansing Human Relations Committee was again reported on. The questionnaires have been sent out to members of the Downtown Business Association. The answered questionnaires will be sent to Dr. Levak at Michigan State University whose department will compile the information and send the reports to the Human Relations Committee.

Chairman Lundberg reported on the 1968-69 budget which was presented at the budget hearing held on February 6, 1968. Mr. Cutler made a motion that the classification of the Director be raised from a 9 to a 9-A. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davenport and approved unanimously by the committee. Rev. Favier then made a motion that the 1968-69 budget be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Ford and approved by the committee.

Employment Sub-Committee

Rev. Faiver commented that the On-The-Job Training funds have been denied. Mr. Ford said that there has been a 15-30% cutback in funds for the Department of Labor.

A motion was made that a letter be sent to the Mayor and members of the City Council supporting their efforts to hasten funds for the Greater Lansing Urban Leagues' On-The-Job Training Program. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davenport and approved by the committee.

Housing Sub-Committee

Mr. Ford reported that the Michigan Office of Economic Opportunity will be holding an all day housing conference on Thursday, February 29, 1968 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan.

It was requested that another letter be sent to the Lt. Governor, the minority and majority leaders of the House of Representatives supporting the State Open Housing Ordinance and the Tenants Rights Package. Copies of the letter are to be sent to the Mayor and members of the City Council.

It was moved by Rev. Faiver that the Director arrange to meet with those members of the City Council that are opposing the Tenants Rights Bill and find out their reasons for doing so, then if those members are willing to do so, arrange for them to meet with the Housing Sub-Committee to discuss the Tenants Rights Bill. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Davenport and approved by the Committee.

It was also requested that the Committee send a letter to the Mayor and members of the City Council with a carbon copy to Mr. Don Brown, Property Management Director, stating the urgency in rehabilitating the State owned homes that are turned over to the City.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mrs. Davenport remarked that more funds are needed for jobs for youths and that she would write a letter to the Office of Economic Opportunity and request additional funds.

Chairman Lundberg said that first maybe the Director should check with the Economic Opportunity office and find out what plans they have already set up, etc.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report from the sub-committee.

At this time, Captain Donald Jackson of the Lansing Police Department reported that complaints that they have received have been put on the agenda for the Police Board meeting next week. Captain Jackson also brought the committee up-to-date on a previous complaint in which an officer was reported to have been reluctant to follow-up on a call for breaking and entering.

Busing of students to various schools was again discussed by the committee. Mr. Dunnings made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Education to support their appeal on busing.

Mr. Patrick Smith, a student at Michigan State University addressed the committee. He explained that he and one of his fellow students are working on a project to promote an open forum type of meeting in downtown Lansing on an evening when stores would be open and people would be downtown. Mr. Dunnings made a motion to endorse Mr. Smith's request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and approved by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mr. Guernsey, Planning Director for the City of Lansing was unable to address the Committee as scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

T/C

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By Councilman Smith—

That it also be referred to Committee on Planning.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Councilmen Adado, Anas, Belen, May, Perrin, Smith—6.

Nays: Councilmen Ferguson, Moore—2.

By Councilman Belen—

That it also be referred to Committee on Ordinance and Contracts.

Adopted by the following vote:

Unanimously.

Council adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

THEO FULTON,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan.

April 15, 1968.

F/B

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 7, 1968

Meetings was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:06 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Faiver.

ROLL CALL

Present: Delapaz, Dramis, Dunnings, Faiver, Frankel, Lundberg, Thomas—7.

Absent: Cutler, Davenport, Ford, Gannon, Kelley—5.

Visitor: Captain Donald Jackson of the Lansing Police Department.

A motion was made by Rabbi Frankel to accept as printed the minutes of the February 8, 1968 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dunnings and approved by the committee.

PETITIONS

There was 1 informal complaint for the period of February-March, 1968.

1—A sub-contractor who had submitted bids, felt that he was denied jobs because he never heard from his bids. Letters were sent to various contractors requesting their policies and patterns for accepting bids.

The Assistant Director reported the conclusion of a previous complaint in which a family had received a notice from the Ingham County Prosecutors Office charging them with the use of abusive language in the neighborhood. Investigation found that it was a matter of personality clashes between the two families. It was later resolved that the two families would keep their distance.

Mr. Dunnings expressed his concern over the fact that he found that a developer from out of town was trying to sell land on Beaver Island to people in Lansing. However, the developer was discriminating on the basis of race. No Negroes were allowed to buy the land. The complainant in this case is to be contacted and asked to come to the Human Relations Office and sign a complaint.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Diamond Reo Trucks new personnel director announcing his policy and concern in assisting the community in developing job opportunities.

2. Letter from the Department of Justice in regards to amending Title X of the Civil Rights Bill to provide a grant to

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assist local agencies in community relations programs. Mr. Dramis requested that the Human Relations Committee obtain the necessary forms and draft a proposal requesting that the City of Lansing Human Relations Committee receive some of the money.

3. Letter received from the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials on actions taken against the Louisville-Jefferson Human Relations Committee regarding their Director being relieved of his duties because he was promoting open housing in that area.

4. Received a letter from the Michigan Civil Rights Commission regarding a conference titled, "The challenge of Crime in a Free Society" to be held March 14, 1968 at Cobo Hall in Detroit, Michigan.

5. Letter received from the Federal Housing Administration regarding a seminar for Real Estate brokers and salesmen which was held February 29, 1968 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director reported on the meeting he had attended with the downtown business employers and members of the Ministerial Council and several other community leaders to discuss the proposed "Black and Brown" boycott for Easter. A positive progress report was given by the downtown business employers so that the boycott was temporarily postponed. Another meeting is scheduled for April 2, 1968 at the Chamber of Commerce building.

A progress report was given on the employment survey being taken. Of the 102 questionnaires mailed out, 43 of them have been completed and returned. Mr. Dunnings made a motion that the final results of the survey be presented to the Human Relations Committee by way of the Employment Sub-Committee before being presented to the public. Motion was seconded by Rev. Faiver and approved by the committee.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

Mr. Ray Guernsey, Planning Director for the City of Lansing, addressed the committee and explained the planning procedures of the Model Cities program. Mr. Guernsey also invited all interested citizens to attend their meetings and offer any suggestions. Application for the Model Cities program must be in Washington, D.C. no later than April 15, 1968. Future housing problems in Lansing were also discussed in connection with the Model Cities program. By means of a strip map he pointed out the social and physically blighted areas and the proposals for future Urban Renewal.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Chairman Lundberg reported on the Community Services Council meeting he had attended in regards to "Operation Cool" for the Y.M.C.A.

The Director reported that he had met with Mr. Walt Sowles of the Lansing Office of Economic Opportunity, Mr. Hayden of the Parks and Recreation Department and Mayor Murninghan to discuss the youth drop-in centers. Mr. Sowles stated that the Office of Economic Opportunity had agreed to rent 2 buildings to the City to be used as drop-in centers.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

Mr. Dramis reported on the joint meeting of the Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee and the Lansing Police Board held on March 4, 1968. At that time an agenda was drafted for use at future meetings between the Human Relations Committee and the Police Board. It was felt that another meeting should be arranged soon. Committee members asked that they be notified of such a meeting two weeks prior to the date, with a follow-up reminder. Copies of the agenda are to be sent with the notification of these meetings.

Captain Jackson again brought the committee up to date on a previous complaint in which a police officer failed to make a complete investigation on a complaint. Investigation found the officer guilty and he was in turn disciplined by the Chief of Police. Mr. Dramis made a motion that a letter be sent to the complainant advising him of the final disposition of the case. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dunnings and approved by the committee.

The Anti-Riot bills now under consideration in the Michigan Legislature were also discussed by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary.

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Adopted by the following vote:

Unanimously.

By Councilman Anas—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That the attached vouchers as presented by the City Controller be allowed and the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to draw orders on the City Treasurer for the amount allowed each claimant, in the amount of $156,739.80.

JOHN T. ANAS,
ROGERT T. MAY,
HAROLD A. MOORE,
LUCILE BELEN,
LOUIS F. ADADO.

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (Zoning)

The following Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan providing that the Code of Ordinance, City of Lansing, Michigan be amended by revising Sections 36-26 and 36-29 of the Zoning Code was introduced by Councilman Smith read a first and second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Ordinance and Contracts.

J. McKinley Lee spoke for persons on W. Main Street west of Birch Street, i.e. the widening of the street, curb and gutter and sidewalks.

Mr. Driver, 1319 W. Main Street also spoke relative to his drive approach.

Referred to Dept. Public Service and Traffic Engineer to contact the Michigan State Highway Dept. relative to this.

Council adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

THEO FULTON,
City Clerk.

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July 15, 1968.

F/B

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ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Dramis, Dunnings, Faiver, Kelley, Lundberg, Thomas—7.

Absent: Davenport, Delapaz, Ford, Frankel, Gannon—5.

Vistors: Mrs. Robert Zajac from the League of Women Voters and her daughter Anne.

Motion was made by Mr. Dunnings that the minutes of the March 7, 1968 meeting be accepted as printed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dramis and approved by the committee.

PETITIONS

There were 3 petitions for the period of March-April, 1968, of which 2 were informal and 1 written:

Written Complaint

1—An individual complained that her privacy had been invaded by officers of the Law in their attempt to arrest another individual. Complaint was investigated by the Director and a copy of the complaint sent to the Ingham County Sheriff's department. Chairman Lundberg suggested that the Director con-

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tact the Sheriff in a week or so and check the outcome of the complaint.

Informal Complaints

1—Complaint from an individual that ammunition in the area was being sold to white people but not to Negroes. Upon investigation it was found that area stores were not selling ammunition to anyone. During the investigation a discriminatory statement was made by a salesperson in one of the stores. Due to the remark, Mr. Dunnings requested that a letter be sent to the District Manager of the store and inform him of the Human Relations Committee's disapproval of this type of statement and also request an answer from the Manager.

1—Complaint concerning legality of an eviction because the tenant was behind in rent payments.

A follow-up report was given by the Director on a previous complaint in which a realty company was sending out discriminatory soliciting in several neighborhoods.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter received from the Midwest Regional Conference on Social Action regarding a conference to be held on Saturday, April 20, 1968 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Detroit, Michigan.

2. Letter from the City of Lansing Housing Director giving an up-to-date report on the activities of the Housing Commission and the relocation program.

3. Newsletter received from the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations along with a copy of a press release on the violation of a housing program.

4. Letter from the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights along with a copy of the Commission report and a report on an extensive Human Relations Commission.

5. Chairman Lundberg read a letter he received from the Community Services Council stating their recommendations for the operation of a detached worker program and a recommendation for the development of a Police-Community training School involving the Lansing Police Department and the School of Police Administration in cooperation with the Lansing Human Relations Committee. Chairman Lundberg requested that copies of the letter be sent to the members of the Human Relations Committee.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director reported that along with the meetings he has attended and the speaking engagements he has had, he has also recently spent several evenings out in the community conversing with youths. He has also conducted several meetings with the youths at his home.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

The Model Cities application was discussed among the committee members. It was requested that a recommendation be sent to the Planning Commission from the Human Relations Committee endorsing the Model Cities planning application.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

No report.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

Mr. Dramis reported that a joint meeting between the Human Relations Committee and the Lansing Police Board has been arranged for Tuesday, April 30, 1968 at 7:30 p.m. in room 432—City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Unfiished Business

None.

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Proceedings, May 9, 1968

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:08 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Delapaz, Dunnings, Dramis, Faiver, Frankel, Lundber, Thomas —8.

Absent: Davenport, Ford, Gannon, Kelley —4.

Visitors: Miss Velma Campbell, Michigan State University student, and Captain Donald Jackson, Lansing Police Department.

Due to the lack of a quorum at the beginning of the meeting the approval of the minutes of the April 11, 1968 meeting was post-poned until the June 13, 1968 meeting.

PETITIONS

There were 4 petitions for the period of April-May, 1968, of which 1 was informal and 3 written.

Informal Complaints

1—The Director gave the conclusion of the complaint in which a realty company was soliciting discriminatory material in several neighborhoods. The Director met today with two gentlemen from the realty company and talked of ways of putting minorities back in the community in question.

Written Complaints

1—Complaint of police brutality. The complaint has been investigated by the Human Relations office and a copy of the complaint has been turned over to the police department for further investigation.

At this time Captain Jackson questioned the procedure of reporting the complaints to the committee. Mr. Dramis asked if it was necessary to report the preliminaries of complaints to the committee before the complaints have been resolved. The following motion was made by Mr. Dramis:

That the Executive Director be instructed that in giving reports of complaints he refrain from describing the incident until such time as the investigation on the complaint has been completed, unless there is something for the Human Relations Committee to act, assist, or advise on and that the Executive Director also be instructed that a written description of the disposition of every complaint be made by him or his staff.

The motion was seconded by Rabbi Frankel and approved by those committee members present with the exception of Mr. Dunnings who asked that he go on record as opposing the motion.

1—Citizen questioned the investigating procedures of the police in regards to an accident in which her car was damaged. Upon investigation of the complaint it was found that the procedure used was correct. The complainant was notified of this and was satisfied.

1—Complaint from a family that was refused rental of a home because of their race. The complaint was investigated and turned over to the Prosecuting Attorney. The Director stated that he would still like to talk to the respondent's minister to see if he can possibly talk her into complying with the law. Mr. Dunnings made a motion that if the minister is unable to do so, a letter is to be sent to the Prosecuting Attorney urging him to take necessary steps to prosecute the respondent. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Delapaz and approved by the committee. Chairman Lundberg requested that the Director keep the Chairman of the Housing Sub-Committee informed, perhaps on a weekly basis, on the progress of the complaint.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Received a letter from the State of Michigan Civil Rights Commission stating that they would like to suggest the

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Human Relations Committee as a recruitment source for employers seeking to hire minority group members.

2. Letter received from Mr. Lee Dramis along with a copy of the House Bill No. 13660 and a copy of a letter he received from Congressman Charles E. Chamberlain.

3. Received a copy of a letter sent to Chairman Hugo Lundberg from the Ingham County Prosecutors Office regarding improving community relations.

4. Received a letter from the Michigan Fair Housing Week Task Force announcing "Fair Housing Week" which is to begin Sunday, May 5, 1968 and also asking the Human Relations Committee to undertake supporting activities both prior to and during this week.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The activities of the Director for the period of April-May, 1968 are as follows: Has been assisting on the State Police Oral Examining Board, has conducted several meetings with youths at his home, has held weekly meetings with the "Field Representatives" (Detached Workers), worked as an advisor for the Greater Lansing Youth Conference which was held April 27, 1968, and has given several talks to school classes and church groups.

Housing Sub-Committee

No regular report. Mr. Dunnings questioned the procedure employed by a local real estate agency. He mentioned that he had received a telephone call from a citizen stating that they had received a letter from a real estate company saying that there was a home in their neighborhood that was vacant and asking them if they had any friends or knew of anyone that would be interested in buying the home.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

No report.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report. Copies of the minutes of the joint meeting between the Human Relations Committee and the Police Board held on April 30, 1968, were distributed to the committee members present.

New Business

The procedure of processing minority group applicants for the Police Department was discussed. Mr. Dunnings requested that the names be obtained of the minority group applicants that have applied for employment with the police department in the past six months.

Rev. Faiver made a motion that the Chief of Police interview anyone (all applicants for the police department) before the applicants are sent to the Personnel Office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dramis.

(Vote was not taken).

Unfinished Business

None.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 20, 1968

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:10 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Chairman Lundberg.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ansley, Cutler, Delapaz, Dramis, Kelley, Lundberg, Thomas—7.

Absent: Davenport, Dunnings, Faiver, Ford, Frankel—5.

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Thomas to accept the April 11, 1968 meeting minutes which had not been approved at the May 9, 1968 meeting because of lack of a quorum. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee Dramis and approved by the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Kelley to approve the minutes of the May 9, 1968 meeting as printed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gary Thomas and approved by the committee.

PETITIONS

There were 6 petitions for the period of of May-June, 1968, of which 1 was written and 5 were informal.

Written Complaints

1—The Director gave the conclusion of the case in which a woman had violated the Open Housing Ordinance in Lansing. The woman has signed a statement recognizing her guilt and has complied with the law.

Informal Complaints

1—Complaint of problems developed from the use of a joint drive, also an inquiry was made as to the number of families living on the property.

1—Complaint referred by a member of the committee to examine an area of racial unrest. Investigation was attempted. The complainant failed to respond to communications made.

1—Complaint of racial tension developing where an unknown number of minority group members took possession of a substandard dwelling.

1—Complaint of procedures used in negotiating the down-payment of a home. The owner was found to be in the right.

1—Complaint of questionable treatment of a store owner toward the children of a neighborhood family. The store owner was also to have made derogatory remarks toward the children.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Received a letter from the President of UNA-USA, Mr. Harold S. Johnson, requesting the Lansing Human Relations Committee to join their program of observance of UN Day, October 24, 1968. The program involves the period of time from October 4, 1968 through December 10, 1968, and the theme will be "Human Rights." The plans include a Sponsor's Luncheon as well as Interracial-International panels and workshops.

   A motion was made by Mr. Gary Thomas to support the UNA-USA in this project. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rose Delapaz and approved by the committee.

2. Received a letter from the Interfaith Action Council asking the Lansing Human Relations Committee to look into and then express an interest in the idea of preserving films now being used in television series viewed by discussion groups in the channel 4 listing area for further use on other stations.

3. Received a copy of the letter sent to the Honorable Mayor Max Murninghan by Philip J. Gannon requesting acceptance of this resignation.

4. Received a note of thanks for the Director attending the 14th Annual National Institute on Police and Community Relations.

5. Received a letter from the Special Citizens Committee of East Lansing Human Relations Committee asking for a statement to have been submitted by

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June 10, 1968 regarding the implications of the recent Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders pertaining to East Lansing.

6. Received a telegram from the U. S. Department of Justice, Community Relations Service, requesting the Director's presence at a national meeting in Chicago on June 27 and June 28, 1968.

7. Letter sent to the Fire Board to clarify the facts concerning the Theodore J. M. Davenport Case.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The activities of the Director and his assistant for the period of May-June, 1968 are as follows: Has been involved in a situation involving groups of young people congregating during the early hours of the morning in the 300 block of North Washington Avenue. The Chairman instructed the Director to continue his efforts to provide a solution to this problem and also to meet with the appropriate city officials to investigate the possibility of a stronger city ordinance concerning loitering; has held weekly meetings with detached workers (field representatives) and now has them activated; has assisted with the State Police Oral Examining Board; has been instrumental in dispersing a shooting incident involving an armed group of several youths from Saginaw; has given several talks to local civic organizations and schools; has attended Rumor Control Clinic; has worked with the youth centers; has been involved in the progress of the Youth Employment Programs; is progressing in the list in the personnel office of minority group member applicants for police work; has attended "Poor People" campaign meetings; has attended the youth program at the Westminster Church; has assisted in patroling city; has attended the Safety Patrol picnic at Lake Lansing.

Employment Sub-Committee

No regular report.

(1) Mr. Gary Thomas inquired about the role of the Human Relations Committee concerning the Police Department's new Cadet Program. The Chairman discussed what had been said at the joint meeting, April 30, 1968.

(2) The Chairman inquired as to the progress of the employment survey now being compiled at Michigan State University. The survey was to be completed by May 28, 1968. There was no report on this.

Housing Sub-Committee

No regular report.

(1) Mrs. Delapaz reported on the volunteer education project in the Tower Garden's area in which she is taking part.

(2) The Director reported on the Oldsmobile project where they have put up baskets in their parking lot for the use of the West Side Youths. WJIM Radio Station has contributed three basketballs.

(3) Oldsmobile contributed $45 to pay for a picnic held for the youths in the Albert and Middle Street area.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Mrs. Harriett Ansley as the new committee member, replacing Mr. Philip Gannon.

The Chairman appointed the nominating committee for the 1968-69 officers.

They are as follows:

Rabbi Frankel—Chairman

Mr. Stuart Dunnings

Mr. Harold Cutler

The Chairman suggested that the Director look into the possibility of inviting the Housing Director, Mr. Marcel Elliott, to talk with the committee. The possibility of meeting in the community was also discussed.

The Chairman reported that the Lansing Counsel of Churches would like to put a phone in the Director's car. It would cost about $150 for installation and a four month rental. Contributions will be necessary to pay for it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE DALMAN,
Acting Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, July 11, 1968

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:10 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Faiver.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ansley, Cutler, Davenport, Faiver, Frankel, Kelley, Lundberg, Thomas —8.

Absent: Delapaz, Dramis, Dunnings, Ford—4.

A motion was made by Rabbi Frankel to accept the July 11, 1968 meeting minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Harriett Ansley and approved by the Committee.

PETITIONS:

There were 5 petitions for the period of June-July, 1968 of which all were informal.

1—Complaint in an area of racial concern where some youth were violating the property rights of some home owners.

1—The conclusion to the complaint for a young man, who is the sole supporter of a family of nine, to be reclassified from 1-A to 3-A by the Selective Services Draft Board as requested by the Committee.

1—Request that the office intervene on behalf of a Spanish speaking girl who was sent to a detention home.

1—Complaint of damage done in Oldsmobile parking lot on the west side when some minority group children between the age of eleven through fifteen damaged nine cars one night and the next night sprayed several personally owned cars with paint about 4-6 p.m. A vigilanty group made up of the owners of the damaged cars threaten to hide in the cars armed with chains, etc., and wait for the children who have done the damage. The Director pointed out that parental contact was needed and he said he would work closely with Oldsmobile and the Police as suggested by the Committee.

1—Complaint about one of the centers having disturbances from a group of young adults, mostly boys, from Chicago who have been coming in buses and cars to the center for the week-end dances and are starting to monopolize the Lansing center.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Clearwater, Florida requesting the Directors cooperation in filling a Human Relations Coordinator post.

2. Letter to President Philp J. Gannon acknowledging his resignation.

3. Letter to Mrs. Harriett Ansley welcoming her to the Human Relations Committee.

4. Letter from Metro Denver Housing Center on the proposed conference, "Housing and the Urban Crisis," October 4-5, 1968.

5. Letter from Niagara Falls requesting information on our "Detached Worker" program.

6. Letter from Wyeth Laboratories Inc. regarding employee relations.

7. Letter from the Director of Housing

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Commission, Mr. Marcel Elliott, concerning the feasibility of an area housing for elderly.

8. Letter to the Director of the Housing Commission in reply to Communication No. 7. The Director replied saying the building in itself was suitable for the housing of elderly, however, it did not provide ready access to a bus route or shopping area, which is a federal requirement for such housing.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The activities of the Director and his assistant for the period of June-July, 1968 are as follows: Attended various civil rights work shops; have attended a Federal Rumor Control Clinic held in Chicago where the Director was a panelist, June 27, 28, 1968; attended a Michigan Human Relations Directors meeting in Flint, July 11, 1968; have been keeping surveillance on the Drop-In Centers; have assisted the State Police in the Oral Examining Board; Have given several talks to schools and local civic organizations; have been involved with the "Detached Worker" program of the YMCA.

Employment Sub-Committee

(No regular report):

(1) A letter was submitted to the Committee of The Whole as a proposal to be sent to the Purchasing Department in regards to the contracts having a written clause concerning equal opportunity employment.

A motion was made by Rabbi Frankel that a letter be sent to the Purchasing Department stating that the Employment Sub-Committee would like to review all bids received by the City Hall to rule on the qualifications of applicants under the Equal Opportunity Provision of the Committee's charter, 17-B7. Rev. Faiver seconded the motion and it was approved by the Committee.

(2) The Downtown Business Composite Report which was compiled by Michigan State University was distributed to the Committee members. The Chairman read the summary of the report to the members. It was requested that a copy be sent to Rev. Andrew Gill, President of the Negro Ministerial Council.

(3) There is also a research project being done by an organization of Spanish-Americans who are involved in a selective buying campaign geared against those Downtown stores that are found to be discriminatory in practice.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mrs. Bernice Davenport showed several brochures that contained information to be used for voters' education.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

(No regular report):

Rev. Faiver reported that the Lansing Welfare Department now located in Downtown Lansing where it is easy access to Lansing residence is considering a move to South Pennsylvania Avenue where it would be difficult for pedestrians to get there.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Welfare Department expressing the Committee's disapproval of such action after this has been looked into and the rumor is confirmed. The Director said he would contact the director, Daryl Minnis, on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

*It was suggested that the next regular meeting, August 8, 1968, be held in the evening to be open to the public in the Union or Friendship Baptist Church.

*There will be a special meeting Monday, July 15, 1968, at 4:00 in the 4th Floor Conference Room to meet with the Drop-In Center Directors and Mr. Hayden.

*The Director read a newspaper report that George Wallace will be in Lansing, August 22-23, 1968.

*The Nominating Committee, composed of Rabbi Frankel, Chairman, Stuart Dunnings, and Harold Cutler gave its report. First they thanked Mr. Lundberg for five years of chairmanship and complemented him on a job well done. They then gave the suggested slate for the 1968, 69 officers of the Committee.

Chairman—Rev. Kenneth L. Faiver
Vice Chairman—Mr. Lee Dramis

A motion was made by Rabbi Frankel to accept the given slate. Mrs. Bernice Davenport seconded the motion and the Committee approved it.

Mr. Lundberg congratulated the new Chairman, Rev. Faiver, and reviewed some of the accomplishments of the Committee for the last five years, since its existence.

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The Committee now has a budget and a department with a Director and Assistant Director. It has achieved good communications and has been a large influence on the push for low-income housing.

Mr. Lundberg then turned the meeting over to the new chairman.

Rev. Faiver then made his acceptance to the post of Chairman of the Human Relations Committee.

*It was requested that the list of duties of the sub-committees be sent to each committee member.

*The Chairman introduced a group from the Michigan State University Christian Movement, the Urban Cadre's. The representatives were:

Maureen Wallace
Chuck Waltering
Nancy Wolfe

Their purpose is to confront urban problems such as cleaning up the west side of Lansing Community or attempting to work for a change in the power structure in the middle-class white society.

They have three approaches in handling these problems.

1. Canvassing
2. Contacting church groups and ministers.
3. Circulating anti-discrimination papers.

The Urban Cadre' asked for the Committee's support in their efforts. They need money contributions as well as any people or organizations the Committee could refer them to. Mrs. Bernice Davenport referred them to the League of Women Voters'. The Committee offered their office as a place of reference and aid and also gave the Urban Cadre' its moral support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE DALMAN,
Acting Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF LANSING EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Proceedings, August 20, 1968

August 20, 1968

Lansing, Michigan

Retirement Board Room

8th Floor—City Hall

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Trustees met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman Meryl R. Wilcox.

Present: Trustee Graves, Kline, Roe, Waidelich and Wilcox—5.

Absent: Trustees Anas, Bodwin and Murninghan—3.

Present: Raymond W. Burgess, Secretary.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 1968 were received and placed on file.

The Secretary reported 30 new members, 1 reinstatement, 2 retired and 9 refunds since the last regular meeting bringing the total present annuity savings account to 746.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD AND THE DROP-IN CENTER DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, July 15, 1968

Present: Human Relations Committee—Mrs. Harriett Ansley, Mrs. Rose Delapaz, Mr. Lee Dramis, Rev. Kenneth L. Faiver, Mr. William R. Ford, Mr. Patrick Kelley, Mr. Hugo B. Lundberg, Jr., Mr. Richard D. Letts, Mr. William Swanson.

Director's of the Lansing Drop-in Centers —Mr. Charles Hayden, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. William LaBre, Director of the East Side Drop-In Center; Mr. Danial Roble, Director of the North Side Drop-In Center; Mr. J. C. Williams, Director of the West Side Drop-In Center.

Visitors—Councilman Joel Ferguson.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. by Chairman Faiver.

The Chairman then asked the Drop-In Center Directors to give a report on what has been happening at the Drop-In Centers and to indicate their individual attitudes as to the affectiveness of them.

WEST-SIDE DROP-IN CENTER

Mr. J. C. William reported that he has had a great amount of cooperation from the Mayor, City Council, the Director of Human Relations and Mr. Charles Hayden, in working with his center. He said that the main goal of this center is to get people involved in their own problems and try to solve them in that manner. To get the people to help themselves they are encouraged to work in groups. The "Detached Workers" at the center have also shown enthusiasm and the people are cooperative with them. Mr. Williams said that it is necessary that Black and White Americans work together, however, more cooperation from Whites is always needed. It was interesting to note that out of twenty volunteers at the center, three-fourths of them are white. Mr. Williams said that he feels the Police Force, as a whole, is a very sincere group and they are really trying to help but that the people are more capable of getting involved in their problems with-out Police around. Among the recreational activities of the West Side Center are intramural basketball, ping-pong, taking a short bus trip to a farm, going to the Okemos Gun Club and going horse back riding. He said that the important thing about the workers at the center is that they must have concern for others, a flexible mind and respect for the integrity of the people they are working with. The main problem of the center is to make people aware of the problems existing and of the function of the center. Mr. Williams suggested that a Board of Directors be set up, made of indigenous leaders and let them run themselves. This would be a step toward making people solve their own problems.

NORTH SIDE DROP-IN CENTER

Mr. Dan Roble reported that this center is predominantly black with a few Spanish-Americans and whites. The age bracket is from fifteen and sixteen years old on up to twenty-two years of age. A few of the recreational activities are; basketball, volley ball, badminton, and ping-pong. Because of this particular age group the youths are very hard to reach. Because of this they have very few volunteers working at the center as it takes a long time to get the young adults' trust and usually volunteers are not stead enough help. However, with the same people coming in the center all of the time, the staff can get to know them. One of their main problems at the North Side Drop-In Center is unemployment. Mr. Roble's assistant, Jose' Travino, is in charge of employment. The Youth Opportunity Center and the O.E.O. have been a great help. However, the Knapps summer employment program and Joe Ferguson's employment plan have no openings. Jose' works with the youth and will very often accompany the applicants to the destination (especially to the YOC) to aid in the counseling of these youth for jobs. Mr. Roble said the problem involved with the hiring of these young adults is that they have never had responsibility and with an 8:00 job the youths have a hard time getting to work on time since their parents will not wake them and they never had to get up on their own. With this added counseling it is made possible

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in some cases to acquire jobs in early afternoon through early evening hours to enable these youth who are unaccustomed to regular schedules to make it to work on time. Mr. Roble also said he would like members of the Police Force to stop in the center in uniform everyday or so to mix with the young adults and act themselves. By doing this he feels the people there will learn to regard the Policeman more as an individual and a friend and less as a uniform and object of disrespect.

EAST SIDE DROP-IN CENTER

Bill LaBre reported that the East Side Drop-In Center was officially in action July 5, 1968. The area where the East Side Drop-In Center is working includes the area East of US 127, West of the express way, South of Michigan Avenue, and North of Potter Park. This area is half Black and half White, however, it is gradually changing to a predominantly Black area. The center has several Spanish-Americans, also. They have no real extreme poverty cases. There is no antagonism present. The purpose of the center is to use recreation as a tool to get to know the youth, to get them to trust the staff, and get the youth to communicate to the staff their attitudes on important subject matter. Mr. William Fitzgerald is teaching sex-education while Mrs. Donna McRae has been working with the girls in the age bracket of ten through fifteen on the subject of personal hygiene. The main problem of the new center is that they are unable to make the community aware of its function so they have had a little response. Besides this, the center is only to be open until September 9, 1968, so they have very little time in which to accomplish anything as well as a shortage of funds. At this time some football players from Michigan State University are scheduled for work at the center as counselors and recreational leaders. A member of the Police Force, who is scheduled to work evenings out of uniform, also is very helpful. Mr. LaBre said that if the center would stay open for a longer period of time it could be made more effective. (Mr. LaBre was referring to the closing of the East Side Center after two and one-half months of operation (until September 9, 1968) because it is being funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity.)

DISCUSSION

Committee—

It was mentioned at the Joint meeting of the Human Relations Committee and the Police Board that officers out of uniform would work in the centers. The Chief has been reminded and a notice is to be posted on a bulletin board for interested officers to sign.

Lundberg—

It was pointed out that Police have very little time while on duty to come to the centers and it would be better for them to come on their off duty time, out of uniform, so that they can be known as individuals first, and Police second.

Committee—

What is the age group at the West Side Drop-In Center

Williams—

Five years to twenty-two years.

Committee—

Are there designated hours for different age groups?

Williams—

10:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.—Sundays through Saturdays—Pre-teens.

8:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M.—Sundays through Thursdays—Thirteen and up.

8:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M.—Fridays and Saturdays—Thirteen and up.

Faiver—

Why does Jose' Travino, Dan Roble's assistant have to accompany the youths to the Y.O.C. office for job interviews?

Roble—

At the Y.O.C., only one hour of counseling is done. Jose' gives the youth security and is able to explain to Y.O.C. a more adequate picture of the youth's home situation.

Committee—

It was suggested that the youths be woke-up on time for work as some sort of service.

Ansley—

The real problem lies in how to keep the young adults enthusiastic and interesed about the jobs.

Committee—

It was pointed out that the youth had a lack of responsibility, but it was also added that there is nothing to keep them on the job. Their values must be raised and they must be given a goal before the youths can become involved in a job.

Kelley—

The parents are the ones that need counseling so that they can be made aware of the help available for their children.

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Ford—

Younsters have never been given the right to demonstrate responsibility so when they finally express a small amount of interest in making their own money, they are given a job and suddenly are expected to act responsibly.

Williams—

Parents seem to be indifferent to the progress of the center and they say they have no time to get involved. However, jobs are no real problem at the West Side Center with the West Side Action Center and Jobs Available Program.

Lundberg—

Is there any problem with kids from out of town coming into the center?

Williams—

No, there is no real problem. The Field Represestatives handle it well. People tend to stay in their own area. We do encourage White and interracial groups to the center, though.

Ansley—

Are children charged to get into the dances at the center on the week-ends?

Williams—

No, only when it is necessary to take care of the added costs of a band.

Mr. Joel Ferguson was then asked by the Chairman to make any comments relating to what had been said.

Ferguson—

The center must be geared to the whole community. It's problems involve a need for adult participation, not enough jobs to go around, the parents cannot be called on to solve the problems because they have the same background as their children, the center's identification must be changed so that the members of the community will feel safe sending their children there, the staff is losing face because certain staff members' conduct is often lacking. Mr. Ferguson stressed the point of having the center involve a crosssection of people and not just the troubled area so that the people can learn and help themselves.

Mr. Charles Hayden, Director of Parks and Recreation Department was asked to make a few comments or additions to what had been said.

Hayden—

All of the staff members of the centers are on a forty hours a week schedule. Any extra time given is donated.

There are some problems still to be ironed out, such as custodial problems and the lack of good physical appearance of the centers, (The West Side Drop-In Center in partciular).

Faiver—

Is Mr. Richard Letts, our Human Relations Director, responsible to the Committee as far as the centers are concerned or is this seperate from the Committee's jurisdiction

Hayden—

All funds come from the City but Mr. Letts has an obligation to this Committee.

Mr. Richard Letts, the Director of the Human Relations Department was then asked by the Chairman if he had any comments to make.

Letts—

The centers are very valuable but must be handled carefully, especially with outside influence, such as Chicago, because explosive situations could arise and rumors start too quickly unless the public is made aware of what is happening.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE DALMAN,
Acting Secretary,
Human Relations Department.

N/M

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A motion was made by Commissioner Sliker, supported by Commissioner Hagerty, that the Lansing Housing Commission reject 800 and 812 W. Lenawee for occupancy by the elderly.

Question: Commissioner Patterson questioned whether this matter should be tabled until the President could be present. Commissioner Sliker reported that she had discussed the matter with President Owen just prior to the meeting and that he was in general agreement with the Staff Report and the motion to reject the proposal.

After further discussion, the Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Clapp, Hagerty, Sliker—3.

Nays—None.

Commissioner Patterson abstaining (because of the absence of the President).

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The following resolution was introduced and discussed:

RESOLUTION NO. 128

Be it resolved by the Lansing Housing Commission as follows:

The attached lease between the City of Lansing, acting by and through the Lansing Housing Commission, and

Louis W. and Zona D. Shaffer for the property located at 1321 E. Oakland Avenue—three bedroom house for one year is hereby approved and accepted both as to form and substance and the President or Vice-President and Director of the Commission are hereby authorized and directed to execute said lease on behalf of the Lansing Housing Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sliker, supported by Commissioner Clapp, that Resolution No. 128 be approved and upon roll call, the Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Clapp, Hagerty, Sliker, Patterson—4.

Nays—None.

The Vice-President thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

There was a general discussoin of future goals of the Commission. It was agreed that a meeting would be held, after Rev. Patterson's return on November 12, at which the only topic of discussion would be the future goals of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCEL B. ELLIOTT,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, October 17, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Faiver at 4:00 p.m.

The prayer was offered by Rabbi Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present—Ansley, Cutler, Davenport, Delapaz, Dramis, Dunnings, Faiver, Ford, Frankel, Letts, Lundberg, Swanson, Thomas, and Capt Jackson—14.

Absent—Kelley—1.

Visitors—Henry Keyton and Charles West, Field Representatives; Capt. Warren Eddie and Lt. Paul Beach of the Lansing Police Department.

The acceptance of the minutes from the August 22 and September 19, 1968, meeting were approved by Mr. Lundberg. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dramis.

Carried by the Committee.

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PETITIONS

There was one informal complaint for the period of September-October, 1968.

1. Complaint from two young ladies regarding employment discrimination involving the Texaco Company. Investigation found a communication breakdown.

The Director reported that there were several incomplete investigations on complaints. Because of the committee's action on a previous motion, to hear only completed investigations, incomplete complaints have not been referred to them, unless there was something for the committee to act, assist or advise on.

Mr. Dramis made a motion to reconsider his motion of May 9, 1968, that stated:

"That the Executive Director be instructed that in giving reports of complaints he refrain from describing the incident until such time as the investigation on the complaint has been completed, unless there is something for the Human Relations Committee to act, assist or advise on, and that the Executive Director also be instructed that a written description of the disposition of every complaint be made by him or his staff."

The motion was seconded by Rabbi Frankel. Supported by the committee.

Motion repealed.

After much discussion regarding equal justice, it was suggested that copies be made of complaints and sent to the respective sub-committees.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Lansing Post Office on available jobs.

2. Letter from Lansing Public Schools for participation in panel on "Crowd Control at Athletic Events."

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director has participated in the following: (1) six hours of training for the Mid-Michigan Police Academy, held at Lansing Community College. (2) with the Assistant and the Field Representatives have worked football games. There has been some problems, but have been able to keep under control. (3) working thru the Centers and YMCA to coordinate orientation programs for the community, i.e., "Know Your Law." A field representative has been enrolled. (4) working on Human Rights-United Nations Observance Day, October 25-December 10. (5) has addressed several school assemblies, church groups and civic organizations. (6) worked with schools getting delinquent students back in school. (7) has met with schools in the Lansing area involved in World Understanding in Comparative Culture Survey. "Measure Racial Attitude in Greater Lansing." (8) Field Representative proposal to continue the program on a year-around basis, is now under consideration by City Council.

The motion was made by Mr. Dunnings that the Human Relations Committee write a letter to the City Council recommending that they pass the proposal before them regarding the continuation of the Field Representative program on a year-around basis. Also, thanking them for their support, help and cooperation in carrying out this program on a year-around basis.

Seconded by Mr. Dramis Carried by the committee.

Henry Keyton and Charles West from the Field Representative staff explained some of the problems they are involved in as part of their responsibility in the program.

HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE

The sub-committee is planning to meet before the next Human Relations meeting. Mr. Dunnings said a letter would be drafted by the sub-committee to ask for representation on Model Cities.

EDUCATION AND RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE

No report.

EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

After discussion involving standard specification on City-bids, it was suggested that the committee ask the Purchasing Director to attend the December meeting.

RESEARCH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Ansley reported that the kick-off dinner for the Human Rights-United Nations Observance is scheduled Friday, October 25, at Kellogg Center. The Human Rights panels are now ready to go out into the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Rabbi Frankel announced that he would be moving out of the Greater Lansing area, and because of the ordinance governing the people who serve on City Committees, would have to resign, this being his last meeting. The committee expressed their thanks to Rabbi Frankel, as one of the original members of the committee, for his

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continuing dedication and contributions to the Human Relations Committee.

The East Lansing Human Relations Commission and the Lansing Committee will have a joint meeting on November 20, at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHY MILETT,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, September 12, 1968

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman M. Houck.

Present—Houck, Gaus, Keep, McComb, Jones, Kelley, Rendon—7.

Absent—Wendrow—1.

No. 1694

No one was present on behalf of Mr. Parsons' appeal to enlarge an attached garage which will reduce the required side yard from 5 ft. 4 in. to 1 ft. 2 in., a reduction of 4 ft. 2 in. Upon the premises known as 1421 N. Logan Street. This is contrary to Section 36-44(3) of the Zoning Ordinance in the following particulars: Section 36-44(3) requires a side yard of 10% of the width of the lot or 5.4 ft.

Wendrow arrived at 7:36 p.m.

Motion by Kelley, supported by McComb, to grant this appeal under Section 36-2(6) of the Zoning Code.

Field inspection reveals that the existing entrance to the garage is too narrow to accommodate late model automobiles, and also that the property owner has constructed the new wall for the proposed addition 1 ft. 2 in. from the property line, which is in violation of the Zoning Code.

The Board believes, that an unusual practical difficulty does exist in this situation, which has not been self-created nor within control of the applicant.

The garage was originally constructed in 1950 to accommodate an average size automobile. Since that time the width and length of automobiles have changed to where garages of this era are now too small.

Based on testimony and evidence the Board does not believe the variation will seriously affect the adjacent property or the general welfare.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Eight; Nays: None.

No. 1695

No one was present on behalf of Mr. Connell's appeal to enclose an existing front porch with glass which will reduce the required front yard from 21 ft. 9 in. to 14 ft. 9 in., a reduction of 7 ft. Upon the premises known as 102 E. Randolph Street. This is contrary to Section 36-44(4) of the Zoning Ordinance in the following particulars:

Section 36-44(4) requires a front yard of 21 ft. 9 in. so established by 40% of the developed frontage on Randolph between Turner Street and Creston Ave.

Motion by Jones, supported by Gaus, to grant this appeal under Section 36-12(6) of the Zoning Code, subject to the following conditions:

1. That adequate footings and all other requirements as determined by the Building Inspector be complied with.
2. That the enclosure be used only as protection for the main structure and not converted into permanent living quarters.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE EAST LANSING AND LANSING HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, November 20, 1968

Present from East Lansing Commission were: DeRose, Cobb, Hardy, Henneghan, Stover, Eddy, Thornton, Smith, Levak and Costick—10.

Present from the Lansing Committee were: Faiver, Ansley, Dramis, Dunnings, Lundberg, Thomas, Letts and Swanson—8.

The following are the more significant comments made at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

DeRose—Welcomed Lansing's Committee.

Faiver—Stated that a joint meeting was long overdue for human relations problems and concerns do not conform to political boundary lines.

Dunnings—Lansingites do not realize how East Lansing has changed over the past few years. East Lansing is still stereotyped by most Lansing Negroes as being a closed community consisting only of upper middle and above income housing.

Letts—Many Lansingites, particularly in the Negro community, however not confined there, still feel that East Lansing attitudes are very prejudiced.

Favier—East Lansing could establish with the federal government a "Workable Program" and construct some public or low income housing.

Levak—For some time I have been annoyed with the overall expenditures of the Community Chest and would like to see a joint committee examine this matter closely.

Dunnings—Would heartily support the joint committee idea.

Lundberg—Add to that the overall work of the Community Services Council; if nothing else, to see how each Human Relations Commission might contribute.

Dunnings—The limited integration that has occurred so far in East Lansing has had some bad effects, particularly on the youths. Because of the small number of Negro youths they are more often than not, excluded from social activities which is harmful.

Dunnings—Should bring Negro and white children together at early ages elementary and even pre-school to let them discover for themselves that there really is no difference.

Levak—Emphasis has been on integration while it should have been on "cultural pluralism."

Henneghan—East Lansing High School kids want to get together with Lansing's but the problem is—getting them together.

Dramis—One way to get these kids together is to plan for "deliberate social mixing."

Thornton—Must mix socially at both adult and youth group levels.

Cobb—Asked — What Lansing's major concerns were?

Faiver—Major concerns of the Committee are housing and police community relations.

DeRose—Asked—How does Lansing find out about problem areas?

Letts—Through complaints cited for example the Lansing Office of the Michigan Employment Security Commission. Stated they have no black people employed there and just fail to relate to the black community.

Letts—Citizens of larger communities such as Lansing and East Lansing should look at their police departments "safe streets—crime control proposals." These programs have been set up in part to purchase weapons.

Cobb—Asked—What Lansing has done to promote interaction and publicity of group activities and greater citizen involvement.

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Letts—State Journal has been doing a fine job in promoting group interaction. Has contributed a great deal to the black community by expanded coverage in all areas but especially social, athletic and special feature stories. Also have eliminated front page stories of crime and other sore points.

Faiver—Read from decision handed down by Judge Fox relative to Lansing's Turnkey Housing referendum issue. Said he feels this will have far reaching effects in prohibiting discrimination through the zoning process.

Dunnings—Both Commissions should be most concerned with educational programs directed towards changing attitudes about integration.

Dunnings—Proposed a joint committee to examine and make recommendations as to how a metropolitan wide education program could be effectively carried out. This might involve working directly through civic, labor, business and even social groups or utilizing mass media such as the local press, radio and TV stations.

Faiver—Lansing's Committee finds it most helpful to have joint meetings with other city boards and departments. Stressed were meetings with the City Council, police and housing boards.

DeRose—Made concluding remarks and asked what action, if any, the joint commissions would like to take?

It was moved and supported that:

1. The chairman of each committee, at their earliest convenience, appoint at least (2) commissioners to serve on a joint committee to begin gathering factual information about the programs of the Community Chest which will ultimately be reported back to a joint meeting of the commissions.

2. The chairmen and vice-chairmen of each commission should examine what changes a joint education or information committee would have and what its role should be and report their findings for appropriate actions.

3. The time and place for the next joint meeting would be called at the discretion of the chairmen.

All yeas. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRAFFIC BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 11, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fraser at 7:43 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Members Black, Dean, Dunnebacke, Fraser, Irion, Nama, Nelson, Riddle and Ex-officio Member Jackson—9.

Absent: None.

A discussion was held relative to the parking situation on various streets in the Capitol Complex. Motorists exiting from State Parking Garage are hampered by other motorists parking too close to the exits. Motorists picking up workers in the area are causing a problem by arriving too early and parking illegally on the street causing congestion. A motion was made and seconded that the Board recommend to City Council that the NO PARKING AT ANY TIME regulation be changed to NO STANDING OR PARKING AT ANY TIME.

NO STANDING OR PARKING AT ANY TIME (See Note Below)

Allegan Street—Both sides—From Pine to Walnut.

Ottawa Street—South side—From Walnut to Pine.

*Ottawa Street—North side—From Walnut to Pine.

Pine Street—Both sides—From Ottawa to Allegan.

Walnut Street—Both sides—From Allegan to Ottawa.

*7 A.M.-7 P.M. EX. SAT. & SUN.

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City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to draw orders on the City Treasurer for the amount allowed each claimant in the amount of $50,833.86.

Signed:

JOHN T. ANAS,
LOUIS F. ADADO,
HAROLD A. MOORE,
LUCILE BELEN,
ROGER T. MAY,
Committee on Finance.

Adopted by the following vote:

Unanimously.

Keith Smith, 6022 S. Waverly Rd. who was appointed Supervisor on Eaton Co. Board of Supervisors thanked council for being able to serve and due to new law relative to supervisor he is no longer a supervisor.

By Councilman Moore—

That a resolution be drafted thanking Mr. Smith for serving as a member of the Eaton County Board of Supervisors.

Carried.

Joseph Barten, 3106 Stoneleigh Dr. and Allen Trapp, 3106 Manley Dr. spoke relative to rezoning of Z-97-68, 2300-2400 blks. E. Jolly Road.

Referred to Committee on Planning.

Council adjourned at 8:35 P.M..

THEO FULTON,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan

January 6, 1969

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 19, 1968

The meeting was called to order by vice chairman Lee Dramis at 4:15 p.m.

The prayer was offered by Hugo Lundberg.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ansley, Dramis, Lundberg, Thomas, Faiver, Letts, Swanson, Capt. Jackson.

Absent: Kelley, Dunnings, Cutler, Ford, Delapaz, Davenport.

Visitors: Dave Hanson.

The acceptance of the minutes from the October 17, 1968 meeting were postponed until a quorum was present.

PETITIONS

There was 1 formal and 5 informal petitions for the period of October-December, 1968.

FORMAL

Investigation in a case involving a young man who allegedly was denied service at a local restaurant revealed that the restaurant had been within its rights. This individual had been expelled from the establishment on a previous occasion because of his disorderly conduct.

INFORMAL

Complaint from a young lady stating that an employer refused to pay her two weeks salary, and had made derogatory remarks to her. The complainant was satisfied with receiving her two weeks pay check.

Complaint from a young lady regarding treatment received by members of the LPD. The young lady was told that if she thought she had a legitimate complaint she might come down to the Human Relations Office

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to file one. The girl has never appeared in the Human Relations Office.

A complaint requesting the assistance of this office when the complainant was layed off a job he had for fourteen years with a local industrial firm. Investigation revealed that the complainant was attempting to secure sick leave or workman's compensation rather than work. He has a grievance registered with his union and this office advised him to work with that agency.

This office interceded on behalf of a minority family living in an all white neighborhood. The family in question was victim of paint thrown at their house and trash in their yard. This office interviewed each of the surrounding neighbors and alerted the police of the situation. This vandalism has discontinued.

An investigation was initiated into a case of alleged discrimination involving two painters and their employer. The complainant had also engaged the services of the NAACP. This office in order to avoid duplication will lend its assistance to the NAACP. As a result of investigation the complainant's immediate supervisor was relieved of his duties and the investigation continues into several apparent discrepancies of the contractor.

It was moved by Gary Thomas that we adopt a rule that the Director can investigate and make disposition on written complaints. The complainant shall be notified of the disposition and it shall state that, if not satisfied with the decision he may appeal personally to the human Relations Committee.

Hugo Lundberg made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Housing subcommittee to send a second letter to City Council in regard to the Jolly-Cedar Turn Key Housing Project. Seconded by Mrs. Ansley, carried by the committee. Ansley, Dramis, Lundberg, Thomas: Faiver, Delapez and Dunning by telephone proxy.

It was also suggested that a final disposition from the Human Relations Director be sent to Mr. Porter stating the disposition of the committee regarding its complaint.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Tulsa, Oklahoma requesting information on City's Open Housing policy.

2. Letter to Altrusa Club acknowledging tickets to Concerned Citizen's Luncheon at Kellogg Center.

3. Letter from Dr. Robert Green acknowledging the support for the Welfare Mother's Job Training Project.

4. Letter from East Lansing Human Relations Commission with minutes of joint meeting.

5. Letter from the newly established Human Rights Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska requesting information pertaining to functions of the local organization.

6. Letter from Conprehensive Service Coordinator, for LaRoy Froh Townhouses in regard to assistance in service for occupants.

Chairman Faiver appointed William Ford and Harriet Ansley to the East Lansing and Lansing Human Relations sub-committee to begin gathering factual information about the programs of the Community Chest which will ultimately be reported back to a joint meeting of the two committees.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director has participated in the following: (1) twenty speaking engagements to schools, church groups and clubs (2) State Police Oral Exams for the new recruits. (3) coordinating a "Black Dialogue" program with WJIM to be televised beginning in January, and to continue for six months. The Director also reported that the 1968-'69 budget will need to go to Council by January 15, also Human Relations brochures are now available.

Mr. Lundberg suggested this committee tage a look at the Director's salary. It was suggested that Mr. Lundberg and Fr. Faiver develop a resolution to submit with the budget to present to City Council.

EMPLOYMENT SUB COMMITTEE

No report.

HOUSING SUB COMMITTEE

Requesting the Human Relations Committee to submit a resolution to the Mayor and City Council to accept the decision of the Courts, regarding the Jolly-Cedar Turn Key Housing project. The proposal is directed to take immediate steps rather than the prolonged delay in examining the courts decision.

The Committee also considered the impact that the Model Cities Program will have on urban development in our city. Such areas as West Side (Kingsley Ct. and Chelsea St.) and the High Street area.

It was decided to request a future meeting with the Mayor and members of City Council.

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EDUCATION AND RECREATION SUB COMMITTEE

This committee is interested in the schools inner city feeling and is scheduling a conference with John Marrs to talk about the schools future plans. This committee is apprehensive about the quality of teaching in the inner city.

Miss Lopaz is going to investigate, why there is no program for girls in the North Side Drop In Center.

It was suggested that this committee develop some questions with John Marrs for the school board in the interest of both the Human Relations Committee and the Lansing School Board: re: quality of teaching, phase out program involvement and motivation.

UNA-USA

Mrs. Ansley read a letter received from Dr. Harold Johnson, ad hoc secretary, for UNA-USA committee, expressing appreciation for the Human Relations committee involvement in this observance.

A report from the National Chairman of UNA-USA was received stating statistics as follows: The primary trust of the Greater Lansing Observance of the United Nations-Human Rights was the sponsorship of international, interracial panels of speakers who were available throughout the period of October 24th to December 10th. The Human Relations Committee of Lansing, the Human Relations Commission of East Lansing and the UNA-USA joined forces for organizational purposes. These organizations sponsored the Human Rights UN Day Luncheon attended by approximately 100 community leaders at which a demonstration panel was the program. The Mayor from both cities were present and made statements. Many of the organizations represented at the luncheon scheduled follow up panels and discussion at their own meetings.

Approximately 5000 people were reached by the UN day program.

80 Schools

3 Libraries

350 Churches and Synagogues

30 Local Chapters of National Organizations

50 Stores

50 Businesses

8 Local Organizations

RESEARCH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

The committee has met with the subcommittee of the Police Board dealing with the problem of whether the Human Relations Office should have the privilege of questioning a police officer involved in a complaint received in the Human Relations Office. At this time no definite decision has been released.

With no further business to be discussed without a quorum present, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE MILETT,
Secretary.

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